

the attorney for the City of Lake Station and the Town of Schererville. Steve's knowledge of law and his overwhelming desire to serve his community made him a perfect fit to continue his work on behalf of the Polish American community, and his willingness to serve has made him very successful in the many posts he has held.

Indisputably, Steve Tokarski has been extremely successful throughout his legal career. However, his efforts on behalf of the Polish American community have truly set him apart from his peers. As a member of the Polish National Alliance (PNA), he has served as the Director for the Indiana/Michigan region, as a member of the Board of Directors, as Chairperson of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and as a member of the Education Committee, the Financial Control Committee, and the Membership Committee. He also served as Parliamentarian, First Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary for various conventions. Additionally, Steve has served as President of PNA Council Number 127 and of PNA Lodge Number 2365—Silver Bell Club.

In addition to his efforts with the PNA, Steve has also been extremely active in the Polish American Congress (PAC), currently serving as the President for its Indiana division, a position he has maintained since 1977. Mr. Tokarski has also served as the National Director and the Parliamentarian for the Council of National Directors of the PAC and as Chairperson of the By-Laws and Grievance Committees. He has also served as Vice President of the PAC's charitable foundation since 1995.

Steve's community involvement does not end with his service to these two outstanding organizations. He is also an active member of several Purdue University alumni associations, as well as the Purdue President's Council, and he has held positions as Secretary-Treasurer and State Vice President of the National Advocates Society since 1984.

When not engaged within the community, Steve spends his spare time with his loving wife of 35 years, Marsha. Steve and Marsha, a stained glass artist and former science teacher, have two sons: David and Christopher.

Madam Speaker, Steve Tokarski has given his time and efforts selflessly to his church, his community, and the Polish American people of Northwest Indiana and beyond. His efforts have touched the hearts of many people throughout the years, and at this time, I ask that you and all of my distinguished colleagues join me in commending him for his lifetime of service and dedication.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF COLONEL RICKY CREWS, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Colonel Ricky Crews, U.S. Air Force, who is retiring after 33 years of dedicated service to this Nation. A graduate of the University of West Florida and Troy State University, Colonel Crews is the Installation Inspector General for the 94th Airlift

Wing, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA. Colonel Crews acted as the "eyes and ears" of the Wing Commander as he identified and corrected problems and coordinated the installation Fraud, Waste and Abuse monitoring program.

Colonel Crews enlisted in the Air Force in 1975. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TX before receiving specialized training at Keesler AFB, MS in Signals Intelligence. He performed tours of duty with the 6987th Security Group at Shu Lin Kou, AS in Taipei, Taiwan and with the 6917th Security Group, at San Vito AS, in Brindisi, Italy. He finished his active duty commitment with an assignment as a Communications Specialist at Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, NE.

Colonel Crews joined the Air Force Reserve in 1979 at Eglin Air Force Base Aux Field 3 (Duke Field), FL as an Airborne Weapons Mechanic, flying AC-130A Gunship missions worldwide. Upon his commissioning in 1983 through Officer Training School, he was assigned back to the 711th Special Operations Squadron at Eglin AF Aux Field 3 (Duke Field), FL, as a Fire Control Officer. He was responsible for directing and controlling the tactical operations of the AC-130A aircraft during both training and actual combat operations. In 1988, Colonel Crews moved forward in the AC-130A to assume the duties of Mission Navigator. During his assignment at Duke Field, Colonel Crews participated in several real world contingencies including operations in Panama, Haiti, and Iraq.

Colonel Crews' other assignments include: the 911th Airlift Wing, Pittsburgh, PA, the 908th Airlift Wing, Assistant Director of Operations for the 357th Airlift Squadron, 908th Operations Support Flight Commander and the Deputy Commander, 908th Operations Group, Air Force Reserve Command in Maxwell AFB, AL, 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Support, and the 908th Operations Support Squadron. This assignment included recruiting, equipping and training combat aircrews to ensure combat readiness to meet all Air Force Reserve and global airlift requirements in peace and wartime in support of the Total Force. While assigned at Maxwell, Colonel Crews served in both Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the Global War on Terror.

A navigator with over 3,500 hours, Colonel Crews has flown global close air support and airlift missions including combat missions in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan and combat support missions in Panama, Haiti, Qatar and Uzbekistan. He completed Air War College in 2004 and Air Command and Staff College in 2001.

Madam Speaker, few can match the dedication and professionalism of Colonel Ricky Crews. He is a man of honor and a man of principle. On behalf of the United States Congress and a grateful Nation, I wish to thank Colonel Crews for his years of dedicated service. Vicki and I wish him, his wife, Debbie, and their daughter, Alyssa Ivey our best wishes for continued success and happiness in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. JOE ADERHOLT

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully request the attention of the House to pay recognition to an important day in the lives of two constituents of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aderholt.

On August 24, the Aderholts celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Joe Marvin Aderholt was born on March 25, 1936, in Cedar Springs, AL, and his wife, Mary Jane Finley, was born on September 19, 1936 also in Cedar Springs. Joe and Jane met and married in the small community of Weaver, AL. Over the years, they have been blessed with two daughters, Alison and Angie, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Joe and Jane have been active members of Weaver Baptist Church where Joe has been a soloist in the church choir.

They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 23 at Weaver Baptist Church with a reception honoring them given by friends and family.

I would like to congratulate Joe and Jane for reaching this important milestone in their lives. They are shining examples of love and dedication for us all, and I wish them and their family all the best at this important occasion.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH J. MICARE

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, the city of Mobile and the State of Alabama recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor Judge Joseph J. Micare and pay tribute to his memory.

A native of Albany, NY, Joseph Micare served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He graduated from Albany Law School and was past Venerable of the Albany Chapter of the Sons of Italy and a lifetime member of the Bucci McTeague Post.

Judge Micare served for many years as the chief counsel for the New York Liquor Authority. He worked as an assistant attorney general for the State of New York before he was appointed administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

Judge Micare and his family have proudly called southwest Alabama home for the past 25 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering a dedicated community leader, a friend to many throughout Alabama, as well as a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Judge Joseph L. Micare will be dearly missed by his family—his wife of 35 years, Sharleen McClellan O'Hare Micare; his son, Pascal Micare; his daughters, Jan Micare and Gina Micare; his stepson, Shawn O'Hare; his stepdaughter, Meghan O'Hare; his 10 grandchildren, Deana Corrigan, Marc Micare, Jason

Micare, Hanna Sponberg, Kate Sponberg, Brandon Grant, Justin Grant, Sam O'Hare, Jack O'Hare, and Dee Dee Micare; his six great-grandchildren; and his two sisters, Rose Delehanty and Angie Shiek—as well as the countless friends he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROL SHEA-PORTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 2008

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1338) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes:

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my enthusiastic support for H.R. 1338, the Paycheck Fairness Act, and thank Chairman MILLER of the Education and Labor Committee and Congresswoman DELAURO, the sponsor of this legislation for their tireless work and leadership on this Issue.

To paraphrase James Madison, "If men [and women] were angels, no government would be necessary." And in an ideal world, we wouldn't need legislation to reinforce the concept of equal pay for equal work. But even today in 2008, when women make on average only 77 cents for every one dollar made by their male counterparts, the importance of the Paycheck Fairness Act is clear.

Gender-based wage discrimination has been illegal in this country since the Equal Pay Act of 1963 was signed into law. Yet, the pay disparity between women and men that still persists today highlights the need to take another look at our wage discrimination laws. This disparity, by the way, is estimated to cost a working woman between \$400,000 and \$2 million over a lifetime.

I am a proud cosponsor of the Paycheck Fairness Act. It is about equal pay for equal work—and it is about time!

TRIBUTE TO ED SMITH: RETIREE OF THE YEAR

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a long-time leader in the labor movement, Ed Smith. I am very proud and happy to join with the San Diego Labor Community in honoring Ed as the "2008 Johns Retiree of the Year!"

Ed began working in small "Mom and Pop" grocery stores at the age of 13. By the age of 18, he was a full time journeyman grocery store clerk and a member of Local 1222, Retail Clerks, which is now known as U.F.C.W. 135. In December of 1966, he went to work for Coca-Cola Bottling Company of San Diego as a route sales driver and joined Teamster Local Union 683. While at Coke, he held various leadership positions.

In May of 1977, he went to work for I.T.T. Continental Baking Company-Wonder Bread as a route sales driver. While at Wonder Bread, he assumed the role of shop steward and quickly became interested in worker's rights. In October 1991, he was appointed trustee to the Executive Board of Teamsters Local 683. In January of 1994, he was hired as a business agent and served in that capacity for 5½ years.

Upon Rich Truffa's retirement in November of 1999, Ed was appointed secretary-treasury, a position he held until his retirement on January 1, 2005. Ed currently resides in San Diego with his wife, Linda. They have been married for 43 years, and have one daughter and two grandchildren, a 12-year old grandson, and an 8-year granddaughter.

In his retirement, our Retiree of the Year, Ed Smith, continues to support and champion worker's rights and remains active in the labor community!

INTRODUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND RESPONSE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing the Community Protection and Response Act to eliminate confusion in responding to disasters following homeland security events.

One of the major lessons learned in the aftermath of September 11th, 2001 is that timely response is critical. Any delay complicates short-, medium-, and long-term recovery efforts. Sadly, many of the lessons that we have learned have gone without an appropriate response.

In response to the attacks of September 11th, for example, Congress took a series of actions to bring relief to affected areas. These legislative actions along with existing statutes, including the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Act and the Disaster Mitigation Act, formed the framework for the Federal Government's response. The magnitude of the attacks and the need for Congress to take action before certain relief could be delivered added to the challenge of the recovery efforts and exposed critical weaknesses in Federal authority to respond.

The Community Protection and Response Act would amend the Stafford Act along with other statutes and would give the President a series of policy options to choose from following a homeland security event. A homeland security event is defined as an event that poses a significant risk to the security of people and property and is of such magnitude that effective response is beyond the scope and capability of the affected State and local government. Many of these options are based on congressional action following September 11th, or other policy suggestions in reports by the Congressional Research Service, the General Accounting Office and the New York branch of the Federal Reserve. Specifically, in the event of a homeland security event, the President can provide grants for lost tax revenue, aid to school systems, and assistance to medical facilities and utility companies. The

bill also establishes guidelines to ensure the public health of area residents and disaster workers.

This bill is an important failsafe and preventive measure that will ensure America is prepared to respond to any homeland security event in the future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 165TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE HOPEWELL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask the attention of the House today to pay recognition to the members of Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church in Valley, Alabama, who on September 7, 2008, celebrated their congregation's 165th anniversary.

Church founder James M. Spear began holding Methodist class meetings in his home in the early 1840s. Hopewell's first church was erected in 1843, and the congregation moved to the current site in 1853. Since that time, the church has seen many changes, including renovations to its historic sanctuary and the addition of a parsonage in 1966. The celebration on September 7th paid tribute to the work of Hopewell on behalf of its members and community.

I am pleased to recognize the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church today for reaching this important milestone in the history of their congregation and wish its members all the best in its next 165 years of faith and witnessing in the community.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, history will remember STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES as a trailblazer. News reports about her death are littered with firsts: first black woman to represent Ohio in the House, first black woman on Ways and Means, first woman and first African-American prosecutor in Cuyahoga County.

Those who worked with her will remember her electric smile, the kind of smile that made you feel like everything would be alright. We will remember her warmth, how she could hug somebody and give them a piece of her high spirits. She had that uncanny ability to make everybody she encountered—from presidents to homeless constituents—feel like they had known her for years. Her gift was to connect with people on a purely human level. No pretense. When confronted with immensely powerful men and women, she would treat them